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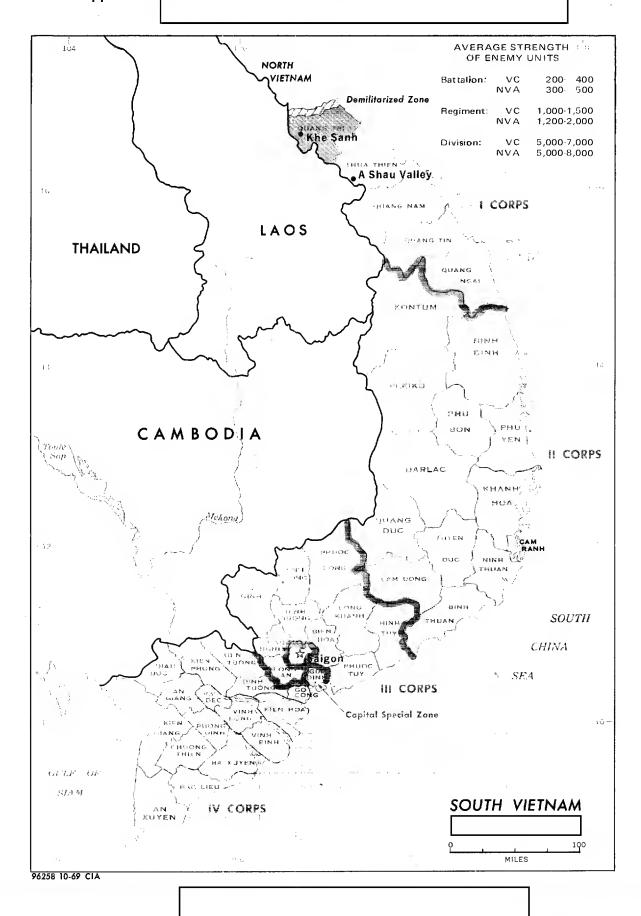
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NATO - Arms Control: The reservations of the Allies about the US-Soviet draft treaty on seabeds arms control suggest strongly that they will press for a more effective voice in future disarmament negotiations.

In a meeting of the North Atlantic Council (NAC) on 6 October some of the members indicated their displeasure at the limited time which had been afforded for study of the proposed agreement. Although no objection was made to the fact that the US intended to offer the document for consideration at Geneva on 7 October, none of the Allies was prepared to endorse the substance of the draft in its entirety.

Several of the Allies insisted that their endorsement of the draft submitted in Geneva jointly by the US and USSR was even more limited than that accorded to a US text proposed to them in September. On the earlier occasion the NAC gave the US a procedural "green light" in taking its offer to the Soviets. On 6 October the council restricted itself to "taking note" of the US intention to send the proposal to Geneva.

In concluding the council session, the Allies reserved the right to discuss the substance of the seabeds treaty more fully at NATO in the weeks to come, and, if necessary, at the UN. Those members of the Alliance who are also included in the disarmament conference can be expected to raise their chiestions in that forum as well.

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